

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS SECTION  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING  
AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES  
August 1, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bruce Kuehl, Abe Rabinowitz, Linda Schwallie,

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** Ann Marie Starr

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions; Jacquelynn Rothstein, Legal Counsel; Gina York, Bureau Assistant; and other Department staff

**GUESTS:** None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Linda Schwallie called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum of three members was present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Additions to the Agenda:**

- Open Session: Under Presentation of Proposed Stipulations Received After the Mailing of the Agenda - Add Name Patricia K Connors, LMFT
- Open Session: Under Status of Rules and Statutes - Add Proposed Change to MPSW 19.02, WI Administrative Code
- Closed Session: After Deliberation of Proposed Stipulations Received After the Mailing of the Agenda - Add Name Patricia K Connors, LMFT

**MOTION:** Abe Rabinowitz moved, seconded by Bruce Kuehl, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2005**

**Addendum to the Minutes:**

- Page 2: Under Administrative Report – Last sentence replace “that the” with “earlier today” and add the following additional sentence “The MFT Section reiterated their support for the for this letter.
- Page 6: Under AAMFT Report – change “News” to “Magazine”

**MOTION:** Abe Rabinowitz moved, seconded by Bruce Kuehl, to approve the May 3, 2005 minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, shared with the Section that Secretary Celia Jackson will meet tomorrow with the MPSW Joint Board. He also shared that a replacement for Christopher Klein, the former Executive Assistant, has been appointed and his name is Larry Martin. The building renovations are continuing and should be completed in the fall of 2005. The budget has been signed by the Governor and the attorney consolidation will not occur. The Boards and Sections will keep their Legal Counsel staff. The AODA Counselors will be coming to DRL in 2006, there will be a Board developed and members will be appointed by the Secretary.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO SUPERVISED CLINICAL PRACTICE AND TEMPORARY LICENSES ISSUED BY MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST SECTION**

A public hearing was held today at 9:30 a.m. regarding the administrative rules regarding supervised clinical practice and temporary licenses that are issued by the MFT Section. There was no opposition at this hearing. Pamela Haack will move these rules forward in the rulemaking process.

### **PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS**

None.

### **PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS THAT MAY BE SIGNED AFTER MAILING OF AGENDA**

Attorney Jack Zwieg presented one stipulation which was signed after the mailing of the agenda regarding Patricia K. Connors, LMFT.

### **SUMMARY REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND PRESS RELEASES**

Jacquelynn Rothstein, Legal Counsel, reviewed the summary reports with the MFT Section at today's meeting. Attorney Rothstein was available to the Section to address any questions or concerns.

## **STATUS OF RULES AND STATUTES AND THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO MPSW 19.02, WI ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

The MFT Section reviewed and discussed the proposed changes to MPSW 19.02 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code with Jacquelynn Rothstein, Legal Counsel. The Section made specific changes to the language at today's meeting and Attorney Rothstein will make the revisions as indicated and will move these rules forward in the rulemaking process. At each meeting Attorney Rothstein will continue to provide a status report on all pending legislation for statutes and rules relevant to the MPSW Joint Board and its Sections.

After a lengthy discussion, the MFT Section took the following action.

**MOTION:** Bruce Kuehl moved, seconded by Abe Rabinowitz, to place in the MPSW 19.01 language to specify no less than fifteen (15) of the thirty (30) continuing education credits must be from categories 1-4 of MPSW 19.02. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Bruce Kuehl moved, seconded by Abe Rabinowitz, to amend MPSW 19.02 (4) to read, any course or CE program offered by an accredited college or university, specifically limited to the clinical practice of Marriage and Family Therapy. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Bruce Kuehl moved, seconded by Abe Rabinowitz, to amend MPSW 19.01 language to specify that four (4) continuing education credits are required in the area of MFT Ethics and Boundaries. These four (4) credits can be used as part of the fifteen (15) CE's required for the clinical practice of Marriage and Family Therapy. Motion carried unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF 2006 MEETING DATES**

The MFT Section reviewed the 2006 meeting dates and took the following action.

**MOTION:** Abe Rabinowitz moved, seconded by Bruce Kuehl, to approve the 2006 meeting dates as presented at today's meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

## **VISION FOR THE MFT SECTION FOR 2005**

The Section discussed their vision for 2005. The MFT Section will do an annual review of their vision statement at the first meeting of every year.

**2005 Vision Statement**

That the MFT Section offer standards that ensure a level of practice consistent to maintaining public safety while streamlining activities inherent to the licensing process.

**REVIEW OF THE MFT APPLICATION FORMS**

The Section reviewed the application form revisions at today's meeting with Jacquelynn Rothstein, Legal Counsel. Attorney Rothstein will forward these additional revisions made by the Section to Kris Hendrickson, Credentialing Supervisor, who will make the revisions as indicated. Once these changes have been made this will be the final version of the MFT application forms.

**DISCUSSION OF CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING HOURS ACCUMULATED AS AN INTERN BE USED FOR LICENSURE**

The Section discussed some of the unusual circumstances that come up regarding the earning of hours as an intern and the differences between various educational options and experiences. The Section discussed in-depth the PDI facilities and their programs and clarified the degrees in the mental health field. Upon conclusion of this discussion, the Section took the following action.

**MOTION:** Bruce Kuehl moved, seconded by Abe Rabinowitz, to amend Section 5 of LRB/2627-1 to include those individuals who hold a Board approved graduate degree in a mental health field and are enrolled or will be enrolled in a master or doctorate degree program in Marriage and Family Therapy, accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for MFT Education. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF THE CALIFORNIA MFT STANDARD EXAMINATION**

The Section discussed the California MFT Standard Exam at today's meeting. Barbara Showers, Office of Education and Examinations, had reviewed the exam in the past and on April 7, 2004. Her findings were reviewed again at today's meeting to update the new members. Core Competencies have since been created and identified as the criteria to be used in the field. Chair Schwallie provided two additional handouts for the Section to review along with the exam. These were the MFT Core Competencies of December 2004 list and a Comparison of CACREP Standards, AAMFT Core Competencies, and the BBS Standards prepared by Diane Gehart, Ph.D., California State University and member of AAMFT Core Competencies Task Force.

The Section members will review the information received at today's meeting in preparation for a more in-depth discussion at the next meeting. Therefore, the Section will defer further discussion and decision making regarding this topic until the November 2005 meeting. Also, with the limitations of in the statutes and rules, the Section will need to be looking at equivalency from exam to exam. The core competencies can be considered as what is evolving in the field and can be used as a reference while reviewing the exams.

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING PSYCHOMETRIC TESTING**

This topic is on the MPSW Joint Board agenda and will be discussed at that time. Jeff Scanlan, did share that the Chair of the Psychology Examining Board is willing to meet and this will be discussed at tomorrow's MPSW Joint Board meeting on how this might occur among the Boards involved.

### **MFT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS) REVIEW**

The Section reviewed of the FAQ's currently on the DRL Website and indicated that they are current at this time.

### **AAMFT REPORT - LINDA SCHWALLIE**

Linda Schwallie informed the Section that the information forwarded to the members regarding core competencies and the regulatory activity article that is in the Family Therapy Magazine. Ms. Schwallie brought an issue of the full magazine for the Department.

### **AMFTRB REPORT – LINDA SCHWALLIE**

Linda Schwallie informed the Section that there is nothing to report at this time.

### **COALITION REPORT – ANN MARIE STARR**

Ann Marie Starr was not at today's meeting and therefore will provide a report at the next Section meeting.

### **WAMFT REPORT – BRUCE KUEHL**

Bruce Kuehl reported that WAMFT is monitoring the movement of the Coalition and is very involved with the DHFS activities and variances.

**EDUCATION CONSORTIUM – ANN MARIE STARR**

Ann Marie Starr was not at today's meeting and therefore will provide a report at the next Section meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL**

None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None.

**CONSULTING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**

The Section consulted with Jacquelynn Rothstein, Legal Counsel, throughout today's meeting as needed.

**VISITOR COMMENTS**

None.

**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Bruce Kuehl moved, seconded by Abe Rabinowitz, to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(a)(b)(f) and (g), to review applications, deliberate on monitoring cases; requests for supervisory approvals, deliberate on proposed stipulations, review DOE cases, and, consult with legal counsel. Roll Call Vote: Abe Rabinowitz-yes; Bruce Kuehl-yes; Linda Schwallie-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 2:04 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** Bruce Kuehl moved, seconded by Abe Rabinowitz, to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session reconvened at 2:55 p.m.

**VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION**

**MONITORING**

None.

**DELIBERATION OF PROPOSED MONITORING THAT MAY BE SIGNED  
AFTER MAILING OF AGENDA**

None.

**REQUEST FOR SUPERVISORY APPROVAL**

None.

**REQUESTS FOR SUPERVISORY APPROVAL RECEIVED AFTER THE  
MAILING OF THE AGENDA**

None.

**DELIBERATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS THAT MAY BE SIGNED  
AFTER MAILING OF AGENDA**

**PATRICIA K. CONNORS, LMFT**

**MOTION:** Abe Rabinowitz moved, seconded by Bruce Kuehl,  
to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order,  
and Stipulation, in the matter of Patricia K. Connors,  
LMFT. Motion carried unanimously.

**DELIBERATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE WARNINGS THAT MAY BE ISSUED  
AFTER MAILING OF AGENDA**

None.

**DELIBERATION OF PROPOSED FINAL DECISIONS AND ORDERS THAT  
MAY BE RECEIVED AFTER MAILING  
OF THE AGENDA**

None.

**DELIBERATION OF PETITIONS FOR REHEARINGS RECEIVED AFTER  
THE MAILING OF THE AGENDA**

None.

**DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT CASE STATUS**

None.

**CONSULTING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**

None.

**APPLICATION REVIEWS**

None.

**OTHER SECTION BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Abe Rabinowitz moved, seconded by Bruce Kuehl, to adjourn the meeting at 2:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.